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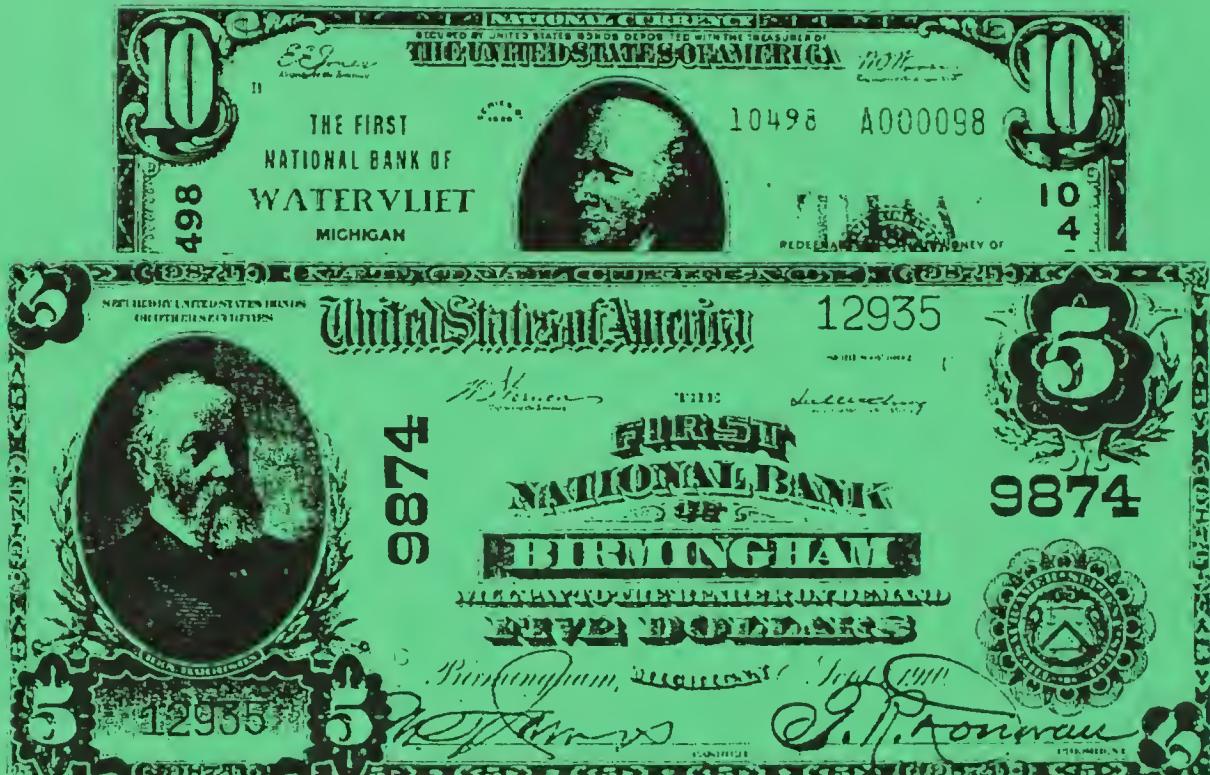
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04-24-02 Balance Canandaigua Natl Bank \$288.58

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**Editor's Notes:** We're getting ready for Memphis again. I have two Wausau recruits to ride down with me to meet Wally and Joe somewhere in Illinois. Hope to see some of you there. I got to visit Bob McNeil of Dodgeville, WI and some other Rag Pickers at the NOW State Show at Iola, which also was a Krause Publication 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary bash, as well. Paper continues to gather popularity...but what is surprising about that. We knew about it all the time.

**President's Column:**

Wally is on the go and will be sending in a column for the next issue that will bring us up to date on our Memphis experience. Also, word on when his new book on Michigan Paper Money will be out!



**OUR COVER THIS ISSUE:** This is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Issue ten cent note with an inverted "10" surcharge on the back. It is the most common of the inverts, if you can call 20+ notes common. There are multiples of this invert known. This example was illustrated in the 1977 Russell sale and the 1958 Burgett sale where it was catalog item # 855. In 1958 it sold for \$160. Because it is cut irregularly and the position and characteristics of the surcharges match perfectly, I am confident it is the same note. This note matches the article I have written for this issue on the Second Issue Fractional Currency Notes.

**CLUB NEWS:** The **Currency Club of Chester County** continues healthy. Their great newsletter is one of the reasons. Even if you can't make their meetings. I think you would get your dues worth just from Joyce Ann Aspen's club newsletter. Look for them at Memphis! My apologies to the **Currency Club of Long Island**. I didn't get their Paper Money Appraisal Fair info into the last issue. Hopefully they had a good turnout on May 11<sup>th</sup>, when they held the event at the Sayville Library...a great idea. The **SPMC** meeting at Memphis will feature a talk by Chet Krause and Cliff Mishler speaking on 50 years of collecting and publishing with Krause Publications...this will be a joint meeting with **Paper Money Collectors of Michigan** so there will be enough time for the presentation. It is an interesting and enjoyable reminiscence.

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Rare 1981 CU \$1FRN Dist A, Block H \$50. Rare 1981 CU FRN Dist D, Block H \$40. Rare 1985 CU FRN Dist I, Block D \$35. Herbert Glover, Box 8941, Trenton NJ 08650-0941. PMCM# 2179

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Collector looking for Fractional F#1296 in circulated condition. Bill Brandimore 1009 Nina, Wausau WI 54403. (715)842-5015 after 6pm.

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Wanted-One CU 1988A-IAFW. John C. Johnson, HC3 Box 593F, Payson AZ 85541. Email: buckshotdot@cybertrails.com PMCM#3124.

**Editor's Note:** Amend your Exchange list address for John. This is the correct address for him. The Exchange list is published every other issue. Look for it next issue.

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Wanted: Upper Peninsula of Michigan Nationals, Obsoletes, Checks, Mining Scrip, Stocks, Tokens, etc. Anything UP. Write with descriptions & prices asked. Tim Larsen, 1111 Wilson Ave. Green Bay, WI 54303. Email: starrnote@juno.com PMCM#3113.

Wanted to buy: Wisconsin Nationals, especially if Kelly lists < than 10 known. Scarce WI Charters available for possible trades. Lg and Sm. Voice mail/FAX 608-553-5516 Email BobMc1@chorus.net Contact me anytime. Thank You! Bob McNeil, PO Box 301, Dodgeville, WI 53533.

Interested in purchasing any notes with SN containing only "0"'s & "2"'s Robert W McGowan III PA. 909 E Court St, Janesville, WI 53545

Wanted \$5 Natl Bank Note Raymondville, TX Charter 13789. Ralph Osborn, 380 Concord St. Vidor, TX 6002. PMCM #95

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WANTED: Ohio NBN's Bowling Green, Mendon, Kalida, Leipsic, Pitsburg, Bradford, Baltimore, Loudonville, Butler, West Liberty Millersburg, Elmore, Buckeye City. Any scarce Ohio. Want Lowell, MI NBN. Lowell Yoder, POB 444, Holland OH

**BEP Report**  
**FEB 2002**

\$1	2001	C00	000	001A	C76	800	000A	76,800,000	
		F38	400	001B	F96	000	000B	57,600,000	
		F00	000	001C	F19	200	000C	19,200,000	
fw		K00	000	001A	K96	000	000A	96,000,000	
fw		K00	000	001B	K06	400	000B	6,400,000	
fw		L32	000	001B	L83	200	000B	51,200,000	
\$5	fw	1999	BA64	000	001A	BA96	000	000A	32,000,000
fw			BA00	000	001B	BA06	400	000B	6,400,000
fw			BB76	800	001B	BB96	000	000B	19,200,000
fw			BB00	000	001C	BB44	800	000C	44,800,000
fw			BC00	000	001B	BC51	200	000B	51,200,000
\$20	2001	CB00	000	001A	CB25	600	000A	25,600,000	
\$100	1999	BB54	400	001B	BB64	000	000B	9,600,000	

STARS

\$1	2001	C12	800	001*	C16	000	000*	320,000
fw	1999	K03	200	001*	K06	400	000*	3,200,000
fw		L06	400	001*	L09	600	000*	3,200,000
\$20	2001	CB00	000	001*	CB00	320	000*	320,000

U.S. Fractional Currency, Part 2 of 4  
by William Brandimore

Background: Fractional Currency was issued in an attempt to cope with shortages in specie due to widespread hoarding of coins when the Civil War began. Counterfeiting of these paper notes...something that hadn't really been planned on...led to five different issues of this diminutive paper money, as the Treasury struggled to provide "small change" for the nation. See the illustrations for some rather crude efforts in this direction.

The Second Issue features additional color and some quite detailed engraving of period transportation. All 4 denominations, 5, 10, 25 and 50 cent values feature George Washington centered above a beehive harbor scene featuring the unloading of several steamships, while teamsters are in the process of loading or off loading horse and wagon rigs and a steam locomotive waits in the background.

Collectors strive to find these notes well centered and "bright" ... not an easy task. They are quite attractive when found, "as new." They are quite unappealing when found well used.

All notes are a rather drab Gray on the Face. The 5 cent note is a light brown on the back, the 10 cent green, the 25 cent a violet/purple shade(s) and the 50 center features a carmine or red back.

These notes were printed between October 10, 1863 and February 23, 1867.

An anti-counterfeiting device was included in this printing and helped create some of the many varieties that make fractional collecting so challenging! Washington is enclosed on the face of

the note in a thick oval of bronze powder. In original condition this bronzing is quite bright. The oval was applied by sprinkling bronze powder on the printed sheets after seizing (glue) was "printed on the sheets. The excess was shaken or blown off and the remaining powder framed Washington in quite a dramatic fashion. In addition, the backs were overprinted with a large numeral matching the denomination of the note. When the sheets were fed in incorrectly, inverted overprints occurred. They are quite dramatic and noticeable. One graces the cover of this issue of the Rag Picker... a ten center. All the inverted overprints are quite scarce. On even rarer occasions, the wrong denomination or a mismatched back plate was utilized. These are very rare!

In addition to the denomination, other "surcharges" also appear on the backs of the notes. Such as "18-63" and a variety of letters. These letters identified the notes (apparently) for Treasury officials...as the government was printing this issue completely in house and wanted to keep track of how the various papers, and inks weathered. There are no less than 20 different surcharge varieties for the 4 denominations, combined, in addition to the notes that had no surcharges beyond George's oval and the large numeral.

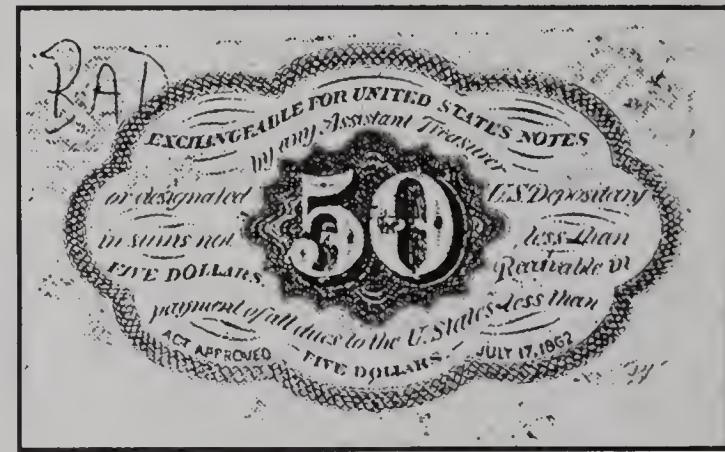
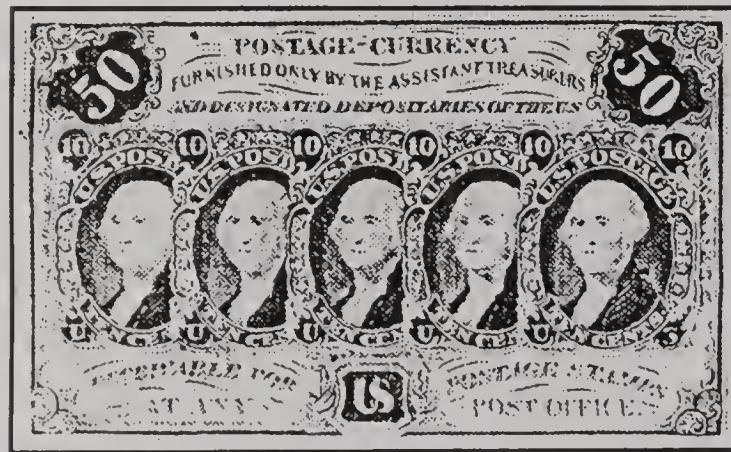
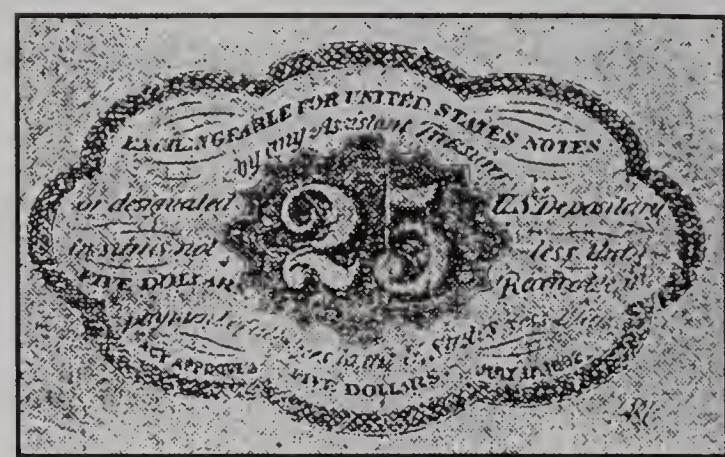
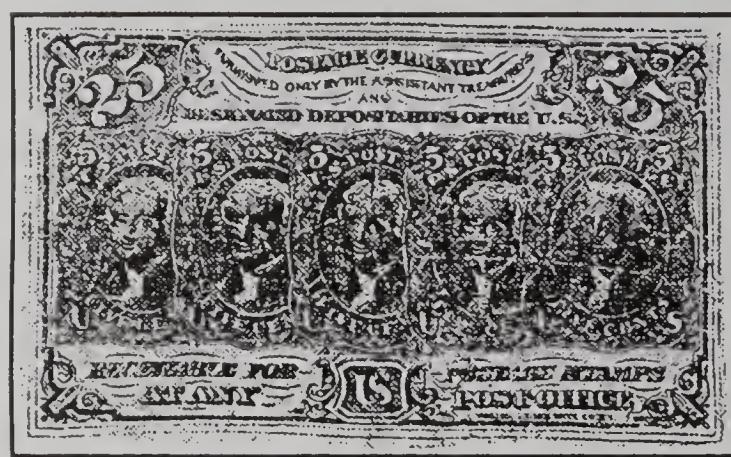
Another aspect of the testing that was going on involved attempts to print the notes "dry" rather than "wet." Printers knew that they could get better impressions with less pressure if the paper was wet. This however, then involved the process of drying the notes in between the various printing steps. This took a long time and a War was on.

Working with a chemist, Dr. Gwinn, efforts were made to utilize the "Fiber" or membrane paper that

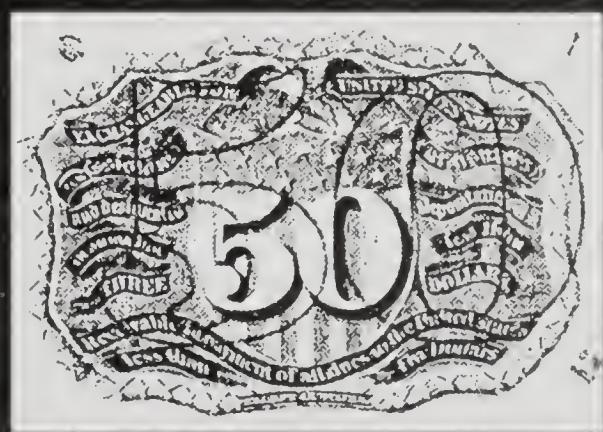
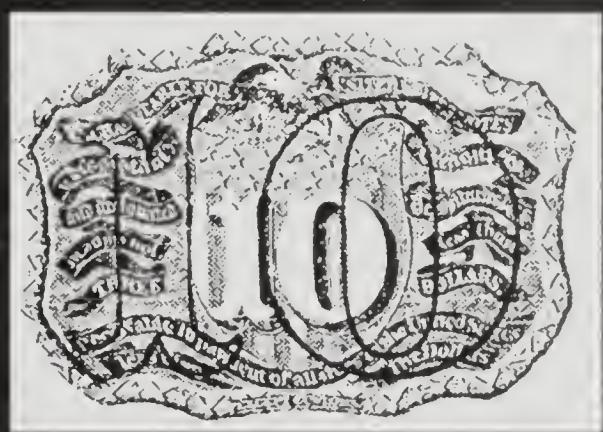
he had developed. It was possible to print this paper "dry." With the dry process, however, The backs and faces needed to be printed as separate sheets and glued together on completion. It didn't work particularly well. The presses needed to bring too much pressure to bear and broke down frequently. The experiment did, however, provide some fascinating "fiber paper varieties" for collectors to pursue down to the present day.

Jealousy and politics were even more in evidence then than they are today and Dr. Gwinn was actually placed in prison at one time and a heavy cloud of concern was unfairly placed on Spencer Clark, the first Superintendent of the National Currency Bureau (forerunner to the BEP), as well. Although it all turned out all right in the end...but that is a story for part three which I shall relate to you in the July-September issue in part three of this series!

Look for the Illustrations to this article on the following pages!



First Issue notes of the Postage Currency (Fractional Currency) were rapidly counterfeited, making design changes an important tactic. Only one five cent counterfeit First Issue note is known. Ten centers are from an old hoard and fairly common. Twenty-five and fifty centers less common.



Fractional Currency Second Issue Notes. A Face of the five cent denomination and the backs of the five, ten , twenty-five and fifty cent denominations, with and without small surcharges...all having the large denomination surcharge. From the Author's collection

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1969-D	A*, B*, C*, D*, E*, F*, G*, J*, K*, L*	1988	F* (\$300)
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